Generating sets manufactured by BHEL

25. PROF. C LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the four coal fired generating sets in Bongaigaon, manufactured by the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited are causing serious trouble;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into the deficiencies and manufacturing defects in the generators supplied by the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The performance of the units at Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station has not been satisfactory.

(b) A number of visits have been made by the Engineers of ASEB, CEA and BHEL to identify the defects in the equipment and other causes resulting in poor performance of Bongaigaon thermal units.

(c) The following major remedial measures have been taken by BHEL:

(i) All mills overhauled.

(ii) Generator of Units I and II rewound and repaired.

(iii) 13th Stage blades of Units I and IV shaved off and those of Unit II are being shaved off.

(iv) Generators of Units III and

(v) All motor defects attended.

Increase in the prices of tyres and tubes

26 SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move on the part of tyre and tube manufacturing companies to increase the prices of tyres and tubes;

(b) if so what, are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that there is no increase in the prices of tyres and tubes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to the information supplied by the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association, the tyre companies have increased the prices of tyres approximately by 7 per cent in July 1987. The reason is stated to be the increase in cost of production by over 7.43 per cent after the last price revision of tyres in May 1986.

(c) At present there is no statutory control on the price and distribution of tyres. The prices are determined by market forces of demand and supply.

Investment in foreign collaboration with Italian firms

27. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 151 proposals of foreign collaboration with Italian firms have been approved during the period 1984—86; if so, the estimated total investment therein;

(b) how many additional collaborations with Italian concerns involving Central/State Government participation have been approved and the estimated investment therein;

(c) how many similar collaborations and of what value have been approved with USA, USSR and UK during the same period; and

(d) out of the collaborations mentioned in parts (a) and (b) above, how many have resulted in cost and

time over-runs and by how much is each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (c) Yes Sir. Out of 151 proposals, 23 involved foreign equity amounting to Rs. 1004.70 lakhs. A statement showing country-wise and investment-wise break-up of foreign collaboration proposals approve in favour of Italy, USA, USSR & UK during the period 1984—86 is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) During the period January-June 1987, 24 proposals were approved in favour of Italian Firms. Out of which 6 involved foreign equity of Rs. 241.80 lakhs. The details of all approved foreign collaboration showing the names of Indian and Foreign Firms Item of manufacture and nature of Collaboration are published on a monthly basis by Indian Investment Centre as its supplement to its monthly newsletter. No statistical information pertaining to Central/State Government participation is maintained in Secretariat for Industrial Approvals.

(d) Followup of the approvals and watching the implementation thereof is the responsibility of the Admn. Ministries and no centralised information is available in Secretariat for Industrial Approvals about the number of approvals which have resulted in cost and time over-runs.

Statement

Number of Foreign collaboration Proposals Approved in favour of ITALY, USA, USSR & UK during the period of 1984 *to* 1986.

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	1984 Tot.	1984 Fin.	1985 Tot.	1985 Fin.	1986 Tot.	1986 Fin.
1	ITALY . . .	37	4	56	11	58	8
2	U.S.A . . .	146	26	197	66	189	71
3	U.S.S.R. . .	1	..	4	..	5	..
4	U.K. . . .	127	15	147	26	130	23

Foreign Investment approved in Favour of ITALY, USA, USSR & UK during the period of 1984 *to* 1986

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	1984	1985	1986
1	ITALY	77 00	694.75	232.95
2	U.S.A.	894.97	3992.49	2936.0
3	U.S.S R.	..	..	..
4	U.K.	181.26	370.65	771.53